

MESSAGE FROM PROSECUTOR SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

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Covington Sentenced to 12 Years for Attempted Sexual Assault

(February 29, 2012... Akron) ... Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that Judge Tom Teodosio sentenced Billy Joe Covington, 23, of Akron, to 12 years in prison for attacking a woman outside an Akron bank. As part of his sentence, Covington must register as a tier two sex offender for 25 years after he is released from prison.

On November 10, Covington hit a woman on the back of the head and made a lewd comment to her while she was entering her car, which was parked outside the Arlington Road PNC Bank at which she worked. Covington pushed the woman into her car and struggled with her. The victim was able to reach her handgun that was in the center of console and fired. Covington fled after the first shot was fired.

Covington pleaded guilty to Robbery, a felony of the second degree, and Escape, a felony of the third degree. Judge Teodosio found Covington guilty of Attempted Kidnapping, a felony of the first degree, on February 14.